

Sunday Festival of Corpus Christi



Transubstantiation?

Probably this is one of the most misunderstood pieces of Christian teaching. It was further complicated by the Reformation, which caused opposing sides to exaggerate and harden theological and political positions – whatever one side said, the other condemned and then exaggerated their own stance. At least in the last 45 years things have dramatically been reversed between Anglicans, Catholics and Lutherans as honest attempts have been made to understand what is meant behind the formula of words each use to describe the Eucharist.

Transubstantiation is a term used by Saint Thomas Aquinas (died 1274), a great thinker and theologian of the late Middle Ages. He was trying to describe, in the philosophy of Aristotle, the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper when He took some unleavened bread and ordinary wine and said *this is my body, this is my blood*.

One of the great objections to Aquinas' term of transubstantiation (the substance of the bread and wine are changed into the substance of the body and blood of Christ) is that it still looks like and tastes like bread and wine. Yet, the first Protestant Archbishop Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, who opposed Aquinas, could write this beautiful prayer:

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Aquinas would totally agree with Cranmer's prayer, for both are dealing with great spiritual reality of the gift of Christ's life and being to every believer. This is what Christ gives us – this is what transforms and changes us from mere mortals into being the Children of the Kingdom.



*Jesus,
you call us all today:*

*CEO's
and migrant workers,
Australians and Sudanese,
those who stand back and those who move forward,*

*"Come to me.
This is my body;
take it."*

And we all become your body.

*Christ,
Make us what we eat.
Let your love course through our lives
and make us one*

The Diocesan Synod

Fr Martyn, Val Burton, Viv Cowie and Deacon Greg will be representing the parish at the Synod of the Diocese from pm Friday 19 to Sunday 21 of June. Debbie Mullins as the Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese will also be attending and assisting the Synod with Diocesan constitutional and legal matters.

Fr Martyn and Catherine Away on Holidays

After the Synod, Fr Martyn and Catherine will be away on holidays for three weeks, returning to work on Saturday 11 July. Fr John Campbell will preside over the worship of the parish Sundays 21, 28 June and 5 July. He will also be available for any priestly ministry during the week. His telephone numbers are 3398-1912 & 0407 763 174

For all parish business and administration please contact the Wardens of the Parish Council Secretary. Their details are on the back page of the pew sheet.

THIS WEEK Parish Council 7.30pm Thursday 18 June

This has to be a bit earlier in June and will be at the home of Damien and Lyndal Colbert.

Securing the Future

You can help secure the future of the Parish by making a Bequest or Memorial Gift. A bequest is a gift left in your will. When you leave a bequest to the parish, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered.

It is advisable to seek professional advice and assistance when making a will. Homemade wills can lead to problems as the meaning and validity is often unclear. A solicitor or Public Trustee can confidentially discuss your concerns and requirements. The Solicitor or Public Trustee will prepare a will for you and assist with

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath the sum of \$... (or the rest and residue of my estate) to The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane, to be applied for the benefit of Eastern Hills Anglicans and the receipt of the Diocesan Registrar shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee.

Natural & Supernatural

“It’s natural - so it must be good.” We often hear that in advertising And generally speaking it is true. However, as we gather on this first day of the week to celebrate Lord’s resurrection, to share in his sacrament of his body and blood - his life and being - we remind ourselves we are also a people that strive to live in the supernatural world. It is natural that we are born, and it is natural that we shall die – but to be born again into eternal life from the gift that comes from on High is supernatural. To seek revenge and retribution is natural – but to forgive, to seek reconciliation and understanding is supernatural. To be ambitious and seek excellence is human – but to then to turn around and use all of it in free service to others is either bizarre or living in a different mode of life.

As Christians we are presented with this alternate way of life that is based on the life, teaching and example of Christ. If he is the Son of God, the Lord of Life, risen from the dead, then his life and teaching is a law and way of life, which we cannot ignore – it is an obligation a commandment. All our life we live with this conflicting understanding – one of natural world and the other of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We can only see the logic of the Kingdom if we are each striving to know Christ, belong to him and live in union with him – otherwise it will seem so odd and unnatural.



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Regular Sunday Services

8am Family Service

Easy to follow PowerPoint Service with Crèche & Sunday School

9.30am Sung Eucharist

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